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Subject: ACTION: Washington Post inquiry - Kampachi Farms, LLC

Hi All,

HQ sent an inquiry from the Washington Post concerning the public hearing on Kampachi Farms. I have drafted a response below using documents developed for the hearing. Please review and make necessary edits/additions or reply with an OK.

Thanks,
Dawn

Draft response

Kampachi Farms, LLC is proposing to operate a pilot-scale marine aquaculture facility (Verella Epsilon) located in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico approximately 45 miles southwest of Sarasota, Florida. The project would culture approximately 20,000 Almaco Jack and produce a maximum annual harvest of 88,000 pounds. The fish raised in the cage will be sourced from brood stock caught in the Gulf. A single floating cage will be placed at a water depth of approximately 130 feet. The cage is a fully enclosed submersible fish pen that will be deployed on an engineered multiple anchor mooring system. The facility would include a supporting vessel throughout the life of the project.

A public hearing is being conducted, on Tuesday, January 28, 2020, to provide an opportunity for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to hear public comments on the draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit and draft National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) Assessment for this marine aquaculture facility in the Gulf.

Following the public hearing, and after consideration of all written and oral comments and data and the requirements of the Clean Water Act ("Act") and applicable regulations, the EPA Regional Administrator will issue a final permit decision and forward a copy of the final decision to the applicant and each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice.

From: Reiley, Laura <>
Sent: Friday, January 24, 2020 12:57 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: question from reporter at Washington Post

Can someone at the EPA walk me through the Kampachi Farms aquaculture project in the Gulf? I'm trying to understand where things stand in terms of approval and precisely what the meeting on Tuesday at More Marine will accomplish. This is for a deadline business story for the Post. My deadline for a draft is Monday afternoon, so if someone could talk to me today, that would be wonderful.

https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2019-08/documents/draft_factsheet-kampachi_farms_f10a00001.pdf

DRAFT FACT SHEET

The aquaculture specific reporting requirements are based on reporting that is required by the for the ELGs CAAP Point Source Category (40 CFR § 451.3) and includes requirements related to the use of drugs or other

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